

supervisors, and so on, we investigated any potential facility that we could find. It's a problem that is bigger than counties can handle. To dole the money out to counties, as the Crime Commission in some areas are suggesting, individually; if it is a group of counties, that's fine, but a lot of the counties...I'll take Greeley County, they may have someone that needs to be locked up in a security detention facility once in three months. And then there could be a big drug party of something one evening and they need three kids locked up. The rules and regulations state that juveniles that are placed in confined jails or lockups cannot be placed within sight and sound of adults. In the Omaha area, I believe there is a new jail half built that will not be in compliance and what is happening and what will happen is we had a 14-year-old boy from central Nebraska sentenced to the Penitentiary. The judges are saying the Legislature and the state created these problems, it's not my problem. And we will probably see more and more of that until we become...until we try to do something about it. I introduced LB 493 this year that would have used one wing at the Kearney Youth Development Center that is not being used now. It has been renovated some to an extent about \$110,000 for wiring and so on by the Building and Maintenance Committee and that would have served central Nebraska. There is not that big a problem with girls that they could be handled at Geneva. We...back to the bill we just discussed, I did vote a no vote. I probably should have been a nonvote...nonvoting. But we did find that the Hastings Regional Center had one floor that was available. DPI offered it to us as a reasonable amount but to come in and renovate that, set up new standards and so on, it didn't seem feasible and the cheapest thing was to go to Kearney, the Youth Development Center there. The bill was presented to the General Affairs Committee and the members on that committee, I knew, did the best that they possibly could, not having served on Judiciary Committee or having the opportunity to become knowledgeable on the situation that we are facing. In the hearing, the public hearing that we had in Grand Island earlier this year the question of the Crime Commission, what happens if Nebraska does not come in compliance or accept these funds. I'm sorry to tell you the comment and I have those...those proceedings right here, or those words was that we will give those fund to another advocacy group that can use for lawsuits or anything else to file against the states or other states or this state. That, we very much hated to hear. Also, originally, and it's caused a lot of confusion, I know most of you have seen it, a proposal for eastern Nebraska, southeastern